Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) On 29th June 1944/16th Mithunam 1119.

(*b*) The Government were of opinion that this organisation had for its object interference with the administration of the law and with the maintenance of law and order and that it constituted a danger to the public peace.

(*c*) *i.* The Mahila Samajam, the Bala Samajam, the Kisan Sangham and the Kavu Thozhilali Sangham and their branches.

ii. Since 29th June 1944 (16th Mithunam 1119).

(*d*) Government are aware that in British India the ban on some unlawful associations have been lifted recently.

(*e*) No. Government think that it is not yet time to lift the ban without endangering public peace.

Mr: P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether the union is registered? And whether the subjects of the union have not been given in the rules?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Certainly. The objects of the union as given in the rules are not exactly what has happened. What I mean is that the unsatisfactory character about this society was not given as an object of the union.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* How did the Government come to know of the objects?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* By bitter experience of the activities taken up by this Union.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether a number of representations from several quarters of the State have not reached Government requesting them to lift the ban?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have received a number of resolutions passed by the Trade Unions and Labour Associations and also others both in the State and outside.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES—MARKETING OF ARECANUTS

107. മിസ്റ്റർ.വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.—

(എ) അടക്കവ്യാപാരത്തിൽ ഏർപ്പെടുവാനുള്ള ഒരു സഹകരണസംഘം തുടങ്ങുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു് എന്തെല്ലാം നടപടികൾ എടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞു ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു : (എ) അടക്കാകൃഷിക്കാർക്കു തങ്ങളുടെ ചരക്കിനു മതിയായ വില ലഭിക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ട സഹായം ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു് ആഗ്രഹം ഉണ്ടു്. ഒരു സഹകരണസംഘം തുടങ്ങേണ്ടുന്ന കാര്യം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന പ്രശ്നങ്ങളിൽ ഒന്നാണു്.

(ബി) സംഗതി ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ അന്വേഷണത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കയാണു്.

EXCISE DUTY—ARECANUTS

108. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether as a result of the visit of Mr. H. Greenfield of the Government of India, to the State any new arrangements or understanding has been arrived at between the Government of India and the Cochin Government regarding the States' share in the Excise duty collection on arecanut ;

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, what is the nature of the new arrangement or understanding ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The apportionment of the duty as agreed to between this Government and the India Government is according to the following formula.—

$$A = \frac{R \times T}{P}$$

Where A=Amount retainable by a State out of the Excise revenue collected by it.

R=Total net revenue in any year calculated from 1st April to 31st March collected in British India and all the participating States (*i.e.*, gross revenue less the cost of collection),

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T=Population of the State concerned.
P=Population of British India and all participating States.
No other arrangement or understanding has been arrived at regarding the States' share.

(*b*) Does not arise.

BETELNUT GROWERS—PROTECTION FROM ECONOMIC PERIL

109. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have the Government evolved any scheme for the protection of betelnut growers of the State from the economic peril that is overtaking them as a result of the excising betelnuts;

(*b*) if so, will they be pleased to place the scheme on the Council table?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The Government are studying the whole question. But no scheme is approved as yet.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the above remarks.

TEXT-BOOKS—NON-AVAILABILITY OF

110. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there has been any complaint either in the Press or otherwise regarding non-availability of text-books for school children even after many days since the re-opening of schools this year;

(*b*) whether the Government have made any arrangement for the supervision of the supply of text-books and if so what is the nature of the same;

(*c*) whether publishers are obliged to make their books available at different places in the State;

(*d*) whether there is any stipulation regarding the commission that whole-sale dealers of books are obliged to allow to retailers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The Inspecting Officers have been vested with the power to see whether sufficient number of copies of the prescribed books are stocked at the prescribed centres.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

SEVENTY FEET ROAD—ERNAKULAM

111. Mr. P. M. Mayankutty *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it true that the idea of opening a 70 feet road through the heart of Ernakulam is dropped;

(*b*) if not, how far the scheme has materialised?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Land acquisition proceedings are in progress.

MOORKANAD—KARLAM ROAD

112. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether there were not representations from the people of villages Karlam, Moorkanad and Karuvannur about the urgent necessity of opening a road connecting Moorkanad and Karlam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

Yes. The proposal will be placed before the Road Board.

PETROL CONSUMED BY THE MINISTER'S CAR

113. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state the number of miles run and the quantity of petrol consumed by the State car used by the Honourable Minister for Rural Development during each month in 1120?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

This information is not available as all the running expenses of the car are met by the Honourable Minister himself.

CONVERSION OF TAPIOCA INTO STARCH

114. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

are Government aware that restrictions on conversion of tapioca into starch have been removed in Travancore?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

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